

THE NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE AND ITS CAPITAL.

OUR RALEIGH
NEWS BUDGETAn Attempt to Poison a Little
Child Foiled.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE

State Treasurer Worth Will Repay to
Morganton Insane Asylum Money
In Piedmont Bank When It Failed
—A Bloody Fight—Resisted Chastisement—Tar Heel Gold Mine—
Dispensary a Success—A Contest.Raleigh, N. C., July 11.—A special
from Greensboro says:

Sallie Runson, a colored servant, attempted to poison the 3 year old child of Mr. C. M. Vanstony, of this city, last week. The little one had been very ill and suffered from sleeplessness. The negro, who watched by the bed, gave the child a large dose of laudanum to make her sleep. Mr. Vanstony happened to come in just before the child swallowed the poison, and he kept her from taking it and saved her life. The negro woman at once left and has not been seen since.

ASYLUM WILL GET MONEY.

Treasurer Worth will repay to the Morganton Insane Asylum the money that was in the Piedmont bank when it failed a year ago. The amount was \$6,362.94. This money was deposited in the bank to the credit of the asylum, or rather it was deposited there by W. H. Worth, State Treasurer, to the credit of W. H. Worth, Treasurer ex-officio of the Morganton Insane Asylum. Up to this time the Treasurer has been contenting that the money had passed out of his hands as Treasurer and had gone into the custody of the asylum, and that that institution and the State must sustain the loss. The Attorney General, however, decides otherwise, and Mr. Worth will make good the loss to the asylum.

On this \$6,362.94 the Treasurer held about \$25,000 worth of collateral. On it he has already collected about \$2,500, and he says he will be able to get the balance. In that case the State will lose nothing by the bank's failure.

A BLOODY FIGHT.

A telegram from Marion says: Dan Jarrett and Ed. Hall had a bloody fight in Halltown, five miles north of Marion. Jarrett stabbed Hall several times in the abdomen and breast, and the physician says he is likely to die. Hall shot at Jarrett several times without effect. The latter took to the woods and has thus far eluded arrest.

RESISTED CHASTISEMENT.

The following comes from Elkin: We have that a negro attempted to kill Mr. N. Glenn Williams, of Yadkin county, last Friday and a glancing ball is all that saved him. It seems that Williams has a certain form of chastisement for his work hands when they do not please him, but this one drew a pistol and shot Williams in the forehead, but the ball glanced and little damage was done. The negro left.

TAR HEEL GOLD MINE.

Parties from Burlington bring the news that a new gold mine has been opened near Gibsonville. Machinery is being put in, and a Northern company will operate the mine. It is thought the mine can be successfully worked, and the company will work it for what it is worth. It is said that gold exists in paying quantities or they would not go to the trouble to put in machinery and operate it. Some persons seem to think it will become a regular Klondike.

DISPENSARY A SUCCESS.

The Smithfield Herald says that the dispensary commenced business there last Saturday and Manager Dickens reports that he is meeting with great success. We believe that the system will become popular after the public learns its working. It has already shown its effect towards preserving better order on the streets at night.

ABBOTT-BEDDINGFIELD CASE.

Dr. D. H. Abbott arrived in the city yesterday from his home in Pamlico county, where he has been for several weeks.

The action instituted by Dr. Abbott against Mr. C. E. Beddingfield for possession of the office of Corporation Commissioner, now held by Mr. Beddingfield, comes up before Judge Prof. Moore on Thursday. The suit is in the nature of quo warranto proceedings.

The counsel for the plaintiff are Col. T. M. Argo, ex-Judge MacLain and Captain Day, while Messrs. Poul & Simmons and J. N. Holding, Esq., appear for Mr. Beddingfield.

The case will not be finally argued before the Supreme Court until September, at the earliest.

ELIZABETH CITY.

HONORED WITH A DEGREE—FIRE

—PERSONALS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., July 11.—The degree of D. D. has been conferred upon Rev. C. F. Hunter, of this city, by the N. V. P. E. C. C. Mr. Hunter left yesterday for Durham and other towns in the western part of the State.

Mr. Fred Miller, who has been spending several days with his parents at Cape Hatteras, returned home yesterday and will resume his position with J. B. Flora & Co.

The Methodist Sunday school excursion to Nag's Head yesterday was one of the largest that ever left our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyslop, who have been in our city for several days visiting, left yesterday for their home in Norfolk.

The fire alarm sounded yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock. The scene of the fire was on Matthews' street. The mill and one frame dwelling adjoining were totally destroyed. The mill was partially insured. The fire company, as usual, responded promptly and was the means of saving several thousand dollars' worth of property.

Miss Bessie Lister, of Ellisha, this

county, is the guest of Miss Julian Sawyer, on Vest Church street. Dr. A. L. Pondleton and the family of Mr. J. B. Flora left yesterday for Nag's Head, where they will spend the summer.

AN OLD MINE.

HOW JOHN PORTIS FOUND HIMSELF RICH.

The history of the Portis gold mine is romantic and interesting. Something over 50 years ago the owner, the shoemaker, John Portis, through a pedler's discovery of a nugget of pure gold in the daubing of his cabin, found himself the owner of probably the richest gold mine in the South. Washings of the rich surface earth on the hill sides and branch gravel by himself and Lessee quickly followed and enriched all interested. By the crudest of washing methods (under leases on a basis of one-quarter royalty) such as "log rockers," "shuice boxes" and "long toms," fortunes were realized in a few months by such well known operators of anti-bellum days as the Alstone, Phenimers, Williams and others of that section. The United States mint records show a production of over one million of dollars in gold from such operations, while also another million dollars has been traced through gold markets, through country store keepers for which the Portis mine never received credit at the mints, making \$2,000,000 production to date during a period of years, and in so doing but a fractional percentage of the gold bearing formations were washed, and no gold extracted from the enormous formation of hard quartz or milling ores exposed by the surface work. In these washing operations the fragmentary hard quartz ores were thrown out and aside at the head of the rocker and shuice boxes, which only saved the loose gold in the surface ground and branch workings. Enormous piles of these quartz rock piles extend along the hill sides and branches, variously estimated at from 250,000 to 500,000 tons, whose average gold value has been estimated at from \$4 to \$5 per ton by various noted mining experts, and which in a crude stamp mill in a test run yielded \$250 per ton, at a cost for crushing and milling of less than \$1 per ton. As these ores are already mined and in sight, they give a net reserve value to the property of a very large sum.

IDENTION.

Edenton, N. C., July 11.—Mr. W. H. Zoeller, of Elizabeth City, who is considered the best photographer in this section, is in our little city for a week at his office, on King street.

The military company is getting in readiness for leaving Saturday morning for the encampment at Morehead. Mr. C. H. Horton, editor of the Courier, returned yesterday from Hertford, where he spent Sunday.

Mr. M. H. Dixon is at home after a trip to Virginia Beach.

Mr. John Miller, of Coleraine, was the guest of his son yesterday.

The families of Messrs. M. F. Bond, R. F. Tuttle, H. E. Williams and H. A. Bond left this morning on steamer Haven Belle for Nag's Head.

The Odd Fellows did some degree work last night. They also elected officers for the next six months, as follows: Noble Grand, J. E. Bond; Vice Grand, J. H. Bell; Recording Secretary, W. R. Brothers; Financial Secretary, J. M. Elliott; Chaplain, S. R. Wixon; District Deputy, L. L. Brinkley.

HERTFORD.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Hertford, N. C., July 11.—The meeting at the Baptist Church continues to grow in interest. There have been more than twenty-five professions, and a large number of Christian people have taken a firm stand for the Lord. Rev. E. E. Dudley, Ph. D., of Norfolk, who is assisting Pastor Anderson, is preaching strong and eloquent sermons. The spacious auditorium of the church has been taxed to accommodate the large congregation.

Rev. J. A. Hornsby and his congregation worshipped with the Baptist congregation last Sunday. Dr. Dudley is a very able minister, and is greatly appreciated by all the people of this city. The meeting will continue for several days.

Dr. Dudley is a silver-tongued orator, and wins the friendship and admiration of all who hear him.

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CHURCH CLERK IS CAUGHT OPERATING A COGNAC JUICERY.

Revenue officers last week captured three illicit stills in Johnston county—one of sixty gallons capacity and two of forty gallons. One of them was near Princeton and two of them near Emitt postoffice. One of them was being operated by Joseph H. Creech, clerk of a neighboring Primitive Baptist church. He was captured by the officers and a box of whiskey found in his house was taken into custody.

Only two weeks ago a Free Will Baptist preacher was captured in Johnston county operating a moonshine still. He also is now in jail, awaiting trial in the Federal Court here.

It is stated by revenue officers that more moonshine distilleries have been broken up in Johnston county within the past three months than in any other county in the State. A prominent citizen of the county says the "shiners" are almost entirely Republicans and Populists; that they think their party being in power they will not be disturbed or that if they happen to be caught they will not be severely punished.

IOWA IN TROUBLE.

FURNACES OF THE BIG BATTLESHIP ARE BURNED OUT.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Seattle, Wash., July 11.—The engineers of the battleship Iowa, now in dry dock, discovered serious injuries to her furnaces when making a final overhauling. According to reliable information two of the furnaces were found so nearly burned out that another attempt to fire them up would have caused them to break down entirely and might have done serious injury to the ship. The defective furnaces were found when the ship first went into dry dock. Her engineer came to Seattle at once and placed an order with a local foundry for the pieces necessary to make the repairs.

It will take fifteen days to make the needed repairs. Her long run from New York to San Francisco is said to have caused the Iowa's trouble.

Under the Flag.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., July 11.—An order has been issued by the President extending privileges and protection of the American flag to the shipping of Porto Rico and the Philippines. All ships owned by residents of these islands at the time of exchange of the ratification of treaties are included in the order.

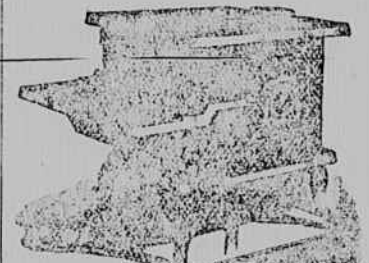


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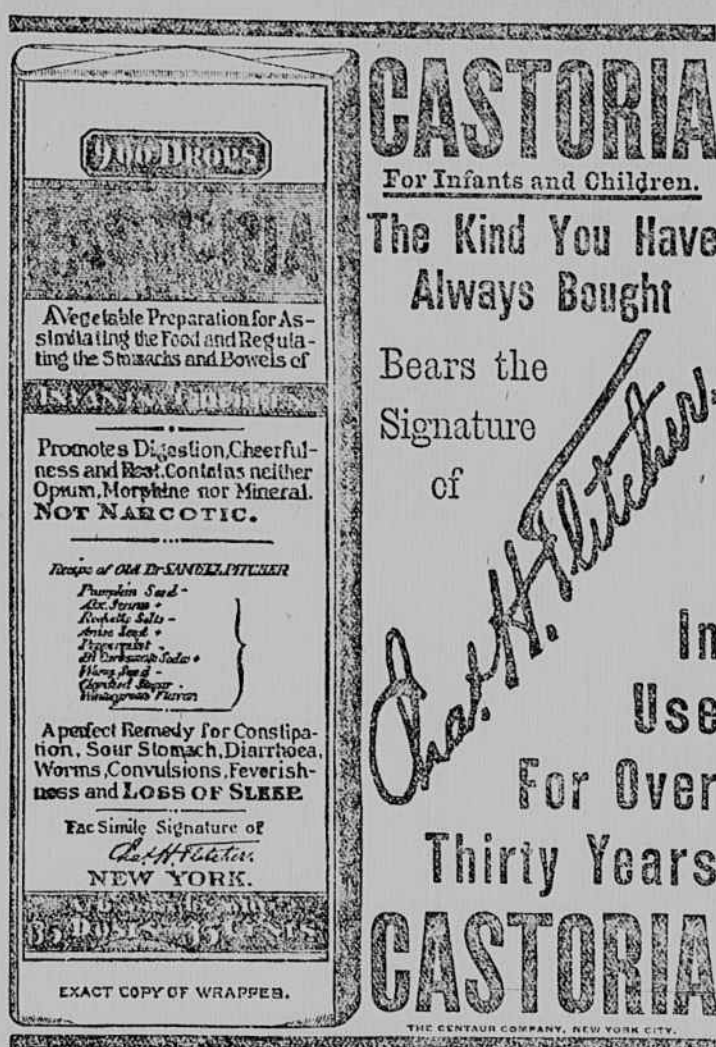
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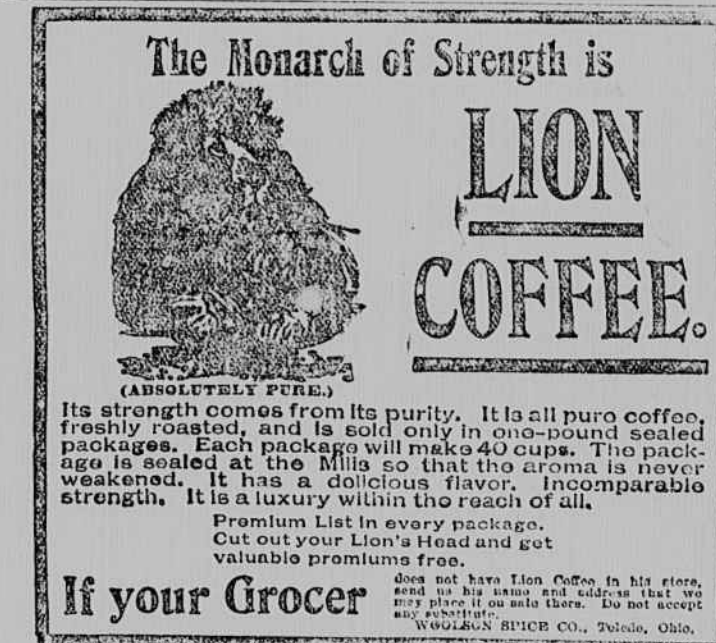
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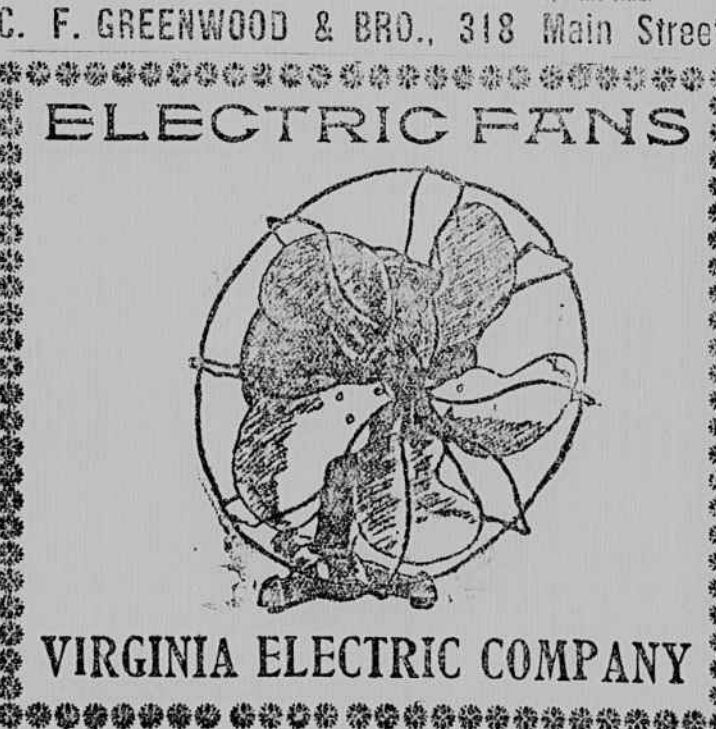
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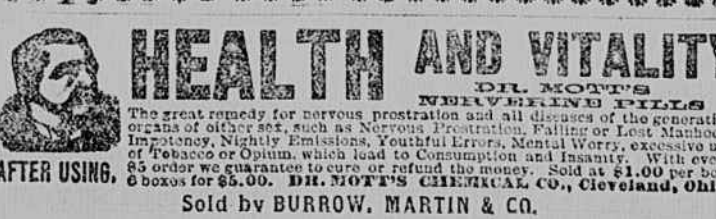
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